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Library Business.

The meeting of the Library Association which was advertised for last Saturday failed to materialize for want of a quorum. The president then called a meeting of the board of directors. The report of the secretary and treasurer was read and the treasurer suggested that the report be printed as the library was a public institution and all its members should have an interest in it. The report of the secretary shows 1044 books on the list. New books received: Scene in Germany, from the Monday Afternoon Club. 19 volumes purchased from the proceeds of the Club recital and 95 volumes purchased from the gift of \$75.

There are about 182 members of the association.

The motion was made and carried that the Librarian be instructed to enforce the rule of the non-transferring of membership tickets.

The reading room will be opened some time this week in the room recently vacated by Uncle Dick Woodward. For the present it will be open on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and Monday, Wednesday and Saturday nights. Contributions of magazines will be greatly appreciated.

The officers of last year will hold until the next annual meeting and they are as follows: President, Mrs. W. H. McCague; Vice-President, Rev. L. M. Belden; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss M. Nell Sample. Board of Directors: Mrs. Houchin, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Hahn, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Sparks.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Jan. 11,	To balance.....	\$ 9 15
March	To Mr. Chandler.....	6 00
"	To Mrs. Houchin.....	1 00
"	To Mrs. Long.....	3 00
"	To Mrs. McCague.....	50
Sept. 30,	To bal from B. S. Co.	69
"	To Mr. Chandler.....	100 00
"	To discount.....	3 98
"	To new members.....	17 50
"	To fines.....	11 35
Total.....		153 17
Jan. 13,	By Mr. Gray.....	1 00
"	By traveling lib., etc.	2 25
"	By overtime pay.....	50
Feb. 15,	By stickers.....	50
"	By glue.....	10
"	Drayage.....	35
June 15,	By freight.....	65
"	By 95 books.....	79 59
"	By paper 1 roll.....	1 90
"	By bal. due on books.....	11
"	By freight and etc.....	2 50
"	By postage.....	75
"	By Librarian.....	29 00
		120 07
Cash in bank.....		33 10
		153 17

Santa Fe Specials.

Annual convention western Implement and Vehicle Dealers Association, Kansas City January 20th to 22nd. Rate one fare plus \$1.00 on certificate plan.

Annual convention Missouri, Oklahoma and Indian Territory Lumber dealers Association, January 26th to 29th. Rate one fare on certificate plan.

Mrs. Nation Sues Wichita.

The daily papers announce that Mrs. Carrie Nation is preparing a damage suit against the city of Wichita for \$10,000 growing out of injuries alleged at the time of her incarceration and treatment in her famous joint raids.

F. M. McHale and C. E. Lindley are her attorneys. The former was the prohibition candidate for attorney general at the recent election.

Notice.

Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church closed a very satisfactory year's work January 8th and elected the following officers for 1903, Mrs. S. P. Wilson, President; Mrs. C. G. Hanson, 1st Vice President; Mrs. E. Sharp, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. J. S. Runyan, Secretary; Mrs. J. P. Hall, Treasurer.

Their regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 15th at the home of Mrs. J. S. Runyan. A quilt will be in the frames. Everybody welcome to come. Mrs. J. S. RUNYAN Secretary.

Buy a pie or cake at Youmans store next Saturday and assist a worthy cause—the church building fund.

Crawford Denied Bail.

The preliminary hearing of Oscar Crawford, charged with murder of Liva Rule was conducted before Justice Collins in this city last Friday and Saturday, with the result that the accused was committed to jail without bail to await trial in the district court in February.

At this hearing the state was represented by County Attorney Griffin and the incoming county attorney, J. N. Tinscher, A. L. Noble and W. G. Robertson, of Springfield, Mo.

The defendant was represented by G. M. Martin and Col. John Crawford, of El Reno, an uncle to the defendant. It is said that W. P. Hackney, of Winfield, and Judge Wall, of Wichita, two leading criminal lawyers of the state, will assist in the defense at the trial in the district court.

Mr. Griffin will not be identified with the case any longer, his term of office having expired. Mr. Noble has been employed by the county to assist in the prosecution. Mr. Robertson has been employed by Mr. Rule.

So far as legal ability goes both sides are evenly matched.

It is expected that more than a week will be consumed in the trial next month. The evidence is lengthy and there will be some difficulty in obtaining a jury.

The Bonds of Matrimony.

Thomas Jackson Best and Ethel Simmons were united in marriage at the M. E. church in this city on Thursday, January 8, 1903 at 9: a. m. Presiding Elder Ebright assisted by Rev. W. J. Weber performed the ceremony.

A large number of friends of the contracting parties witnessed the marriage rites.

Both parties are so well and favorably known to the people of Medicine Lodge that we deem an extensive article in these columns unnecessary.

Mr. and Mrs. Best left on the morning train for Kansas City and other points and will return in about two weeks to make their home in Medicine Lodge. They will live at the Grand Hotel for the present.

The New Board.

The new Board of county commissioners organized on Monday by the election of J. M. Crouse chairman.

The poor farm question was the only one of great importance that came before the board. The old board submitted propositions for bids on cash rent lease, hiring a man and furnishing him, and a mixed proposition, and the bids were opened by the new board but all were rejected and new bids were called to be submitted on or before a special meeting January 24th, on a cash rent basis, at which time a written contract will be drawn.

There were five applications for the farm—E. W. Stout, Geo. W. Urton, W. L. Parsons, Al Heflin and R. S. English.

A Mothers Meeting.

PROGRAM.

Devotional exercises.
Roll Call—Answered to quotation from Psalms. Symposium—children's games.

Necessity of Supervision.—Mrs. Della Palmer.

How to Make Them Helpful and Healthful.—Mrs. Laura M. Shell.

Games that Foster Gambling.—Mrs. Emma Johnson.

Paper. The Rod vs. Love.—Mrs. Pearl L. Weber.

Discussion.

Drill—Annual Leaflet.

What Our Schools are Doing.—Mrs. Nannie Runyan.

Program for Next Meeting.—Mrs. Mary Houchin.

Closing Exercises.

The above is the program of an open meeting of the W. C. T. U. to be held at the home of W. J. Weber January 24 at 3 p. m. Mothers are especially invited to come and help discuss these questions.

Secretary.

The box supper to be given on Saturday evening, January 17th, by the Royal Neighbors, will be in the courthouse instead of the Woodmen hall as stated last week. A short and interesting program will be rendered. Everybody invited.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

L. A. Eby arrived on Friday to visit a few days.

Harry Newkirk returned Thursday from his visit in Missouri.

Some nice pigs to sell. Inquire of R. H. Tanksley, Medicine Lodge.

Gus Schmidt left on Saturday to take hold of his job in the legislature.

H. H. Case went to Topeka Saturday to "look in" on the senatorial contest.

Wanted—A man with family to live on ranch. See or address H. C. Alexander, Medicine Lodge.

Mrs. J. M. Crouse is better this week but is still very sick. However, it is thought that she will recover.

Jas. Dobbs and family went to Kansas City last Thursday to take in the stock show and other K. C. attractions this week.

Case Stout went to Attica Monday to work a month in Harry Huston's harness shop. After that he returns again to Kinsley.

J. H. Boughan, of Alva, an intimate friend of W. C. Matthews, attended the funeral of Mrs. Matthews in this city on Sunday.

If you want water-proof boots or shoes that will wear well get a pair of the celebrated Sharkskin brand at H. T. Woodward's.

Ambrose Lawrence came up from Acme, Texas, Saturday and visited with his sister, Mrs. W. T. Wheat. He started home Monday.

G. R. Harris and wife welcomed a nice little girl at their house on Tuesday of last week, January 7. Dr. Cushenbury in attendance.

Burke Dorgan left Saturday for his future home in St. Louis where his parents reside. We would not be surprised to hear within a few years of Burke's being a St. Louis alderman. As a politician he wasn't slow here.

There will be a Mite Social given at the Presbyterian church parlors Friday evening January 16th at 8 o'clock p. m. All are invited to attend and a most cordial invitation is given to the young people. Light refreshments will be served and a program rendered during the evening.

E. S. Rule announces that he will appoint his sister, Mrs. Mattie Jones, deputy treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. Jones expect to move to town next fall when Mr. Rule takes his office. Mr. Rule will continue his business at Sharon but says he expects to devote most of his time to the duties of his office.

A great many people from Sharon and the eastern part of this township were attracted to town last week by the Crawford preliminary and the general public is well satisfied with the result. In this connection it might be said that while Judge Collins is not and does not claim to be a lawyer, he makes a good justice of the peace.

It is reported on the streets today that George Harbaugh will commence early this spring to erect a large two story building on the lots he now occupies just west of the new postoffice. The building, it is said, will be of brick, with a fifty or seventy-five foot front and eighty feet deep. The first story will be made into large business rooms and over them it is said, he will locate the opera house. It is a good location and will be a fine thing for Alva if this is done.—Alva Review.

The Royal Neighbors did the proper thing last Thursday night by rushing in on the Woodmen camp with an elegant lap supper. The Camp enjoyed the occasion and the members were in good shape to take care of the good things to eat as they had gone through installation ceremonies and other routine work. Mrs. J. C. Davis made a very nice and appropriate address prior to the lunch. J. B. Gano, J. N. Tinscher and W. H. Haun responded after eating and each of them made good hits. The Royal Neighbors is an ladies' Auxiliary to the Modern Woodmen recently instituted in this city and they are flourishing. They have 24 members with several applications pending.

Mrs. W. C. Matthews Dead.

Erie Blanch Matthews, wife of William C. Matthews, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Trotter in this city on January 9, 1903, after suffering acute disease exactly one year.

She was born in Piatt county, Illinois, December 5, 1875. Her age was 27 years, 1 month and four days.

She was united in marriage with William C. Matthews February 14, 1892, and five children were born to the union, of whom three are living—a small boy and girl and a baby girl about seven months old. Besides the husband and children, she leaves a father and mother, two brothers, two sisters, an uncle and a grandfather.

Funeral services were conducted from the Baptist church on Sunday afternoon, Rev. J. J. Griffin officiated. The Knights of Pythias and Odd Fellows lodges attended the funeral in a body in honor to Mr. Matthews who is an esteemed member of each.

It seems hard to part with those we love and it seems doubly sad when one is taken in the prime of life leaving a family to mourn, but death is inevitable and uncompromising and we all must sometime pass through its dense shadows. The departed one was a consistent christian, a most estimable lady who won the love of all of her associates. Her last days were patient, peaceful and blessed.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthews were formerly citizens of Barber county but in recent years have resided in Woods county, Oklahoma. The husband has many friends in both counties who extend to him sincerest heartfelt sympathy.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to extend our deepest gratitude to all who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and in the death of our beloved wife and daughter. We also extend thanks to the lodges that tendered their sympathy and respect on this sad occasion.

W. C. MATTHEWS,
A. J. TROTTER and family.

Mrs. Rose Adams Dead.

Mrs. Rose Adams, of Sun city, wife of Green Adams, died on Monday, January 12, 1903 at 10:05 p. m., of typhoid fever. The entire family is or has been ill with the same dreaded malady and Mr. Adams at this time is very low. The children are recovering.

Funeral services were held at Lake City yesterday conducted by Rev. Sloan of the Baptist church. The deceased was 50 years of age. She leaves a husband and a large family of children, most of whom are grown.

The Index is indeed very sorry to hear of this great affliction visited upon this good family. Mrs. Adams was a noble woman attentive to those she loved, devoted to her children, and her sickness was largely aggravated on account of her care of the family while undergoing the fever siege. At last she was attacked herself and taken from among those it was her delight to soothe and comfort.

We sincerely sympathize with the afflicted family and hope that the husband and father may recover.

Store Changes Hands

Purdy & Clay last week traded their stock of merchandise for the VanHorn ranch north and east of town, formerly known as the Kentucky Mule ranch. Mr. VanHorn bought this ranch from E. H. Nixon last summer and paid \$10,000 for it.

The Purdy & Clay stock was invoiced the first of this week and Mr. VanHorn is now in possession of the store. The Index wishes him success.

Mr. VanHorn is formerly from Sumner county.

E. B. Fullerton was up from the Hazelton country yesterday and favored us with a visit.

WOOD FOR SALE—Having cut for logs last winter, 400 trees, will sell the tops at \$1 to \$1.50 a load in timber—Riley Lake.

When you want bran, shorts, corn chop, wheat chop, shelled or ear corn, soft or hard wheat, cotton seed meal, oil cake, oats or baled hay see Gano & Hegag at Badger Lumber Co.'s office for wholesale and retail prices. Will also buy your hogs and cattle any day.

HAZELTON NEWS.

E. S. Wright is spending a few days visiting in Hazelton. He is now located at Cherokee, O. T.

The literary society at Pleasant Valley is growing in interest. People are coming seven and eight miles to see, hear and take part in the exercises.

B. F. Brockhaus has bought the town property formerly owned by Mrs. E. E. Robinson. It is a well arranged house with 7 rooms and is well worth the price paid—\$800.

M. G. Reed, a former citizen of this county, was up from Oklahoma last week renewing acquaintances. He has decided to quit farming and will go into the hotel business at Byron.

J. C. Dimmick of Woods county, Ok., has bought the farm southwest of town belonging to the heirs of J. W. Reed, deceased. He will get possession in the spring. Consideration, \$2,500.

M. C. Cavanaugh recently became the owner of the 80 acre farm adjoining the townsite on the east. A little over \$800 was the cash necessary to get it.

While it is a little late yet we will just state that at the Masonic installation of officers they had a fine supper with 118 Masons and their families and friends took supper on the occasion.

J. L. and J. N. Stephens are now doing a good big lot of threshing of kafir corn and cane. It is a little cold for the business but it has to be done in the winter.

Over at Fairview they have been having some little trouble in their school and we have been informed that one scrap has already been pulled off and others are expected to follow.

Jim Ayers and Frank Blanton are out west looking at the country. We predict that on their return to Barber, they will be content to let well enough alone and stay where they are.

There is some talk of another blacksmith shop being opened here in a short time. We can see no good reason why one more could not do a good business by holding a lot of trade that has been going to other towns.

Police Judge J. D. Keller has not done much official business since he was appointed to that office. He was able one day last week to rake in a fine of five dollars and costs from one of the boys that got funny and accidentally let his pistol go off at the wrong time.

The Masonic lodge is making preparation to fit themselves up with a good hall over D. O. Edwards' store. If this is done it will again give us a public hall for other purposes and at the same time the Masons will have a much better hall than the one now used by them.

Joe McCoy is back in this locality, after trying to live at other places for about 15 years. He was very much surprised to find that since he left here that almost an entire new lot of people had taken possession of this part of the country. He is now looking for a location and if he can be suited will once more try his luck with our people. They all come back in time if life is spared them.

There is some little kicking down here over the high taxes, but most everyone realizes that money is required to pay just debts or at least legal claims against the county, hence they are not making any great amount of fuss over it, and believing that by taking a big dose now it can be made less at some other time, and perhaps at some time when we are less able to stand a heavy draft. One thing we will all agree on and that is the more we hear of this calamity bowl about high taxes the fewer people are there that will invest their money in Barber county farms. But it may be that these big kickers don't care anything about the price of land, or whether we have any more people in the county or not. Of course this class of people are perfectly justified in kicking and as a rule these fellows are the ones that were a few years ago howling themselves clean out of breath because some of the people wanted to acquire the people of the fact that they were being robbed by unjust officials.

A new lot of waists, Dress goods, Shoes and Groceries just arrived at E. F. Glasiers & Co's.